# 1998 WA FACE Listing of Fatalities Updated: 15-Apr-01

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Date of Incident	Status	For explanation and defi	initions click <u>here</u> Industry	L and I Claim Filed	County	L and I Region	W I S H A	F A C E	Multiple Fatalities
12/19/98	Verified	Flower delivery vehicle crash	Florists	✓	Island	1	✓		
12/19/98	Verified	Semi-truck collision	Trucking, except local		Thurston	4			
12/15/98	Verified	Truck crash	Local trucking, without storage		Grays harbor	4	<b>✓</b>		
12/14/98	Verified	Fell from ladder	General contractors - single- family houses	✓	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
12/7/98	Verified	Drowned while commercial diving	Business services, nec		Pierce	3	<b>✓</b>		
12/5/98	Verified	Murdered - shot	Deciduous tree fruits	<b>✓</b>	Yakima	5	<b>✓</b>		
12/4/98	Verified	Cable installer rolled vehicle	Cable and other pay tv services	<b>✓</b>	Benton	5	✓		
12/3/98	Verified	Accidentally self-inflicted gunshot wound	Industrial & commercial machinery & equipment, nec		Whitman	6			
11/27/98	Verified	Bus driver shot by passenger	Local & surburban transit	<b>✓</b>	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
11/25/98	Verified	Explosion and fire in refinery coker unit	Petroleum refining	<b>✓</b>	Skagit	1	✓		$\checkmark$
11/25/98	Verified	Explosion and fire in refinery coker unit	Petroleum refining	✓	Skagit	1	<b>✓</b>		<b>~</b>
11/25/98	Verified	Explosion and fire in refinery coker unit	Petroleum refining	<b>✓</b>	Skagit	1	<b>✓</b>		$\checkmark$
11/25/98	Verified	Explosion and fire in refinery coker unit	Petroleum refining	<b>✓</b>	Skagit	1	✓		<b>✓</b>

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11/25/98	Verified	Explosion and fire in refinery coker unit	Petroleum refining	✓	Skagit	1	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
11/25/98	Verified	Explosion and fire in refinery coker unit	Petroleum refining	<b>✓</b>	Skagit	1	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
11/24/98	Verified	Accidental overdose of prescription pain medciation	Residential care		King	2	<b>✓</b>		
11/13/98	Verified	Caught in trash compactor	Department stores	$\checkmark$	Lewis	4	✓		
11/12/98	Verified	Logging truck rollover	Local trucking, without storage		Klickitat	4	<b>✓</b>		
11/10/98	Verified	Logging skidder rolled down the side of a mountain	Logging	<b>✓</b>	Stevens	6	<b>✓</b>		
11/10/98	Verified	Helicopter crash	Air transportation, nonscheduled		Spokane	6			
11/6/98	Verified	Airplane crash	Land, mineral, wildlife, & forest conservation		Grant	5			$\checkmark$
11/6/98	Verified	Airplane crash	Land, mineral, wildlife, & forest conservation		Grant	5			<b>✓</b>
11/4/98	Verified	Two truck head-on collision	Beef cattle, except feedlots		Franklin	5	<b>✓</b>		$\checkmark$
11/4/98	Verified	Two truck head-on collision	Industrial gases	<b>✓</b>	Franklin	5	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
10/31/98	Verified	Thrown from horse	Racing, including track operation	<b>✓</b>	Yakima	5	<b>✓</b>		
10/26/98	Verified	Struck by mooring cable	Ship building & repairing		Kitsap	3			
10/23/98	Verified	Steel sheets fell from pallet onto worker	Industrial & commercial machinery & equipment, nec	<b>✓</b>	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
10/23/98	Verified	Plane crashed into mountain side	International affairs		Whatcom	1			

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10/15/98	Verified	Delivery truck collision	Hardware	<b>✓</b>	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
10/13/98	Verified	Toxic reaction to prescription drug treatment for work-related injury	Concrete block & brick	<b>✓</b>	Spokane	6			
10/8/98	Verified	Explosion of silicon tetrachloride pipe exposed worker to hydrochloric acid gas	Primary smelting & refining of nonferrous metals	<b>✓</b>	Grant	5	✓		<b>✓</b>
10/8/98	Verified	Explosion of silicon tetrachloride pipe exposed worker to hydrochloric acid gas	Primary smelting & refining of nonferrous metals	<b>✓</b>	Grant	5	✓		<b>✓</b>
10/7/98	Verified	Fell from ladder	Operators of residential mobile home sites	✓	Thurston	4	<b>✓</b>		
10/7/98	Verified	Steel pipe rolled off of truck while decedent unloaded the truck	General warehousing and storage	<b>✓</b>	Lewis	4	<b>✓</b>		
10/5/98	Verified	Fell from ladder	Structural steel erection		King	2	<b>✓</b>		
9/19/98	Verified	While driving tractor on road was struck by truck	Field crops, except cash grains, nec	<b>✓</b>	Yakima	5	<b>✓</b>		
9/18/98	Verified	Motor vehicle collision	Local trucking, without storage	<b>✓</b>	Kittitas	5	<b>✓</b>		
9/10/98	Verified	Pipe from truck fell on truck driver prior to unloading	Trucking, except local		Clark	4	<b>✓</b>		
9/3/98	Verified	Truck transporting grain rear- ended by semi-truck	Wheat		Benton	5			
9/1/98	Verified	Operator electrocuted while setting up carnival ride	Amusement & recreation services, nec	<b>✓</b>	Kittitas	5	✓		

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8/24/98	Verified	Drowned after fall into irrigation canal	Irrigation systems		Yakima	5			
8/24/98	Verified	Fell through insulation on roof and hit concrete pad 32 feet below	General building contractors _ industrial buildings and	<b>✓</b>	Grant	5	<b>✓</b>		
8/22/98	Verified	Suicide by hanging	Land, mineral, wildlife, & forest conservation		Thurston	4	<b>✓</b>		
8/20/98	Verified	Crushed beneath dump truck bed	Highway & street construction, except elevated highways	<b>✓</b>	Klickitat	4	<b>✓</b>		
8/19/98	Verified	Electrocuted when his aluminum ladder contacted 13,000 volt wire	Painting and paper hanging	<b>✓</b>	Spokane	6	✓		
8/17/98	Verified	Fell from roof while window washing	Building cleaning and maintenance services, nec	<b>✓</b>	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
8/17/98	Verified	Cedar salvage worker was shot	Special product sawmills, nec	$\checkmark$	Grays harbor	4	<b>✓</b>		
8/8/98	Verified	Struck ground while skydiving	Amusement & recreation services, nec	<b>✓</b>	Pierce	3	<b>✓</b>		
8/5/98	Verified	Fell from roof	Roofing, siding, and sheet metal work	<b>✓</b>	Lewis	4	<b>✓</b>		
8/4/98	Verified	Trench cave-in	Excavating work	<b>✓</b>	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
7/29/98	Verified	Overcome by smoke and flames while operating combine	Wheat		Adams_r5	5			
7/27/98	Verified	Heat stroke	Deciduous tree fruits		Chelan	5	<b>✓</b>		
7/27/98	Verified	Working on hay baler and was crushed by stacker table	General farms, primarily crop		Grant	5			

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7/16/98	Verified	Potato bin bulkhead fell on worker	Frozen fruits, fruit juices, & vegetables		Franklin	5	<b>✓</b>		
7/13/98	Verified	Trailer fish-tailed and truck rolled over	Plumbing, heating, and airconditioning		Franklin	5			
7/9/98	Verified	Skid-steer loader rolled down 70 feet into ravine	Concrete work		Klickitat	4	<b>✓</b>		
7/9/98	Verified	Struck by cedar block falling from sling lifted by helicopter	Special product sawmills, nec	<b>✓</b>	Pacific	4	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
7/5/98	Verified	Shot during robbery	Automobile parking	<b>✓</b>	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
7/5/98	Verified	Shot at restaurant	Drinking places (alcoholic beverages)	<b>✓</b>	Pierce	3	<b>✓</b>		
7/3/98	Verified	Struck by ecology block	Water, sewer & communications & power line construction	<b>✓</b>	Kitsap	3	<b>✓</b>		
6/25/98	Verified	Trench cave-in	Special trade contractors, nec		Lewis	4			
6/8/98	Verified	Semi-truck rollover	Trucking, except local		Spokane	6	<b>✓</b>		
6/6/98	Verified	Airplane crash	Noncommercial research organizations	<b>✓</b>	Stevens	6			<b>✓</b>
6/6/98	Verified	Airplane crash	Air transportation, nonscheduled		Stevens	6			<b>✓</b>
5/22/98	Verified	Run over by swather	Wheat		Klickitat	4			
5/22/98	Verified	Orchard worker was shot	Deciduous tree fruits	<b>✓</b>	Yakima	5	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
5/22/98	Verified	Orchard worker was shot	Deciduous tree fruits	<b>✓</b>	Yakima	5	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
5/12/98	Verified	Automobile collided with cement truck	Direct selling establishments		Grant	5			

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5/6/98	Verified	Motor vehicle collision	Legal services	<b>✓</b>	Columbia	5	✓		
5/3/98	Verified	Worker caught in fire from ruptured gas line	Special trade contractors, nec	<b>✓</b>	Cowlitz	4	<b>✓</b>		
4/30/98	Verified	Rollover of all-terrain vehicle	Uranium-radium-vanadium ores	<b>✓</b>	Stevens	6	✓		
4/30/98	Verified	Fully loaded dump truck rolled over	Local trucking, without storage	<b>✓</b>	Pacific	4	<b>✓</b>		
4/29/98	Verified	Fell from bed of flat-bed truck while truck was in motion	Top, body, and upholstery repair shops and paint shops	<b>✓</b>	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
4/27/98	Verified	Pedestrian struck by straddle- lift truck	Ship building & repairing		Kitsap	3			
4/26/98	Verified	Drowned during rescue attempt	Police protection	✓	Grays harbor	4	<b>✓</b>		
4/21/98	Verified	Fall from ladder	Painting and paper hanging		Pend oreille	6		<b>✓</b>	
4/14/98	Verified	Motor vehicle collision	Building cleaning and maintenance services, nec	<b>✓</b>	Thurston	4	<b>✓</b>		
4/13/98	Verified	Fall from ladder	Carpentry work	<b>✓</b>	Snohomish	1	<b>✓</b>		
4/10/98	Verified	Tree fell on logger	Logging		Lewis	4	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
4/8/98	Verified	Commercial diver lost conciousness while underwater	Miscellaneous marine products		Clallam	3			
4/2/98	Verified	Fell into irrigation canal and was drowned	Farm management services	✓	Grant	5	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
4/2/98	Verified	Attempted to rescue co-worker from irrigation canal, was drowned	Farm management services	<b>✓</b>	Grant	5	✓		✓

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4/2/98	Verified	Struck by log loader	Logging		Lewis	4	<b>✓</b>		
4/1/98	Verified	Fell overboard while hauling in crab pots	Shellfish		Clallam	3			
3/31/98	Verified	Airplane collided with terrain	Motor homes		Grant	5			<b>✓</b>
3/31/98	Verified	Airplane collided with terrain	Motor homes		Grant	5			<b>✓</b>
3/31/98	Verified	Airplane collided with terrain	Motor homes		Grant	5			<b>✓</b>
3/30/98	Verified	Struck by vehicle while working on side of road	Air, water & solid waste management	<b>✓</b>	Clark	4	<b>✓</b>		
3/25/98	Verified	Was shot after responding to disturbance at motel	Police protection	✓	Okanogan	5	<b>✓</b>		
3/19/98	Verified	Fell 15 feet off the top of a hay stacker	Farm supplies	✓	Kittitas	5	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
3/13/98	Verified	Found on the floor of men's room. drug overdose.	Plastic products, nec		Spokane	6	<b>✓</b>		
3/11/98	Verified	Fall from barge into water	Ship building & repairing		King	2			
2/27/98	Verified	Truck roll over	Trucking, except local		Pierce	3	<b>✓</b>		
2/25/98	Verified	Crushed by large emergency power supply for computer	Electrical work	<b>✓</b>	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
2/18/98	Verified	Deckhand fell off ferry. presumed drowned.	Ferries		King	2	<b>✓</b>		
2/17/98	Verified	Van was struck by truck	National security		King	2			<b>✓</b>
2/17/98	Verified	Van was struck by truck	National security		King	2			<b>~</b>

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2/17/98	Verified	Van was struck by truck	National security		King	2			<b>✓</b>
2/14/98	Verified	Struck by board	Sawmills and planing mills, general	<b>✓</b>	Asotin	6	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
2/13/98	Verified	Burned by ignited flammable liquid	Cash grains, nec	<b>✓</b>	Walla walla	5	<b>✓</b>		
2/11/98	Verified	Powerline fell on truck, decedent opened door and was electrocuted	Ornamental shrub and tree services		Pierce	3	<b>✓</b>		
2/6/98	Verified	Motor vehicle collision	Local passenger transportation, nec	<b>✓</b>	Franklin	5	<b>✓</b>		
2/5/98	Verified	Truck struck mudslide, causing fire which killed driver	Trucking, except local	<b>✓</b>	Kittitas	5			
1/23/98	Verified	Fall from roof to ground	Nonresidential buildings, other than industrial bldg and	✓	Whatcom	1	<b>✓</b>		
1/14/98	Verified	Acute ammonia poisoning	Scrap & waste materials		Spokane	6			
1/12/98	Verified	Motor vehicle collision	Photocopying & duplicating services	<b>✓</b>	King	2	<b>✓</b>		
1/8/98	Verified	Motor vehicle collision	Commercial art and graphic design		King	2	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>
1/8/98	Verified	Motor vehicle collision	Computers, computer peripheral equipment and software		King	2	<b>✓</b>		$\checkmark$
1/5/98	Verified	Motor vehicle collision	Petroleum & petroleum products wholesalers, except bulk	<b>✓</b>	Chelan	5	<b>✓</b>		

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### **Explanation of the WA FACE Listing of Fatalities**

#### Who is Included:

All people who were working in the State or in/on the waters off of the State and died due to a work-related incident. This includes workers based in other states, but have fatal injury incidents in Washington.

The data listed are subject to change due to the lack of information at the time of publishing.

#### **Types of Incidents Included:**

- Acute trauma fatalities
- Acute chemical exposures
- Suicide
- Motor vehicle incidents

#### **Types of Incidents Not Included:**

- Naturally caused deaths (heart attacks, aneurysms, etc.) unless there is a work-related component.
- Diseases due to long-term exposure (asbestos and silica)

#### **Description of Data**

<u>Status:</u> Verified - a verified workplace fatality; **Probable** - a probable workplace fatality/pending verification

Narrative: A brief narrative of the incident.

<u>Industry:</u> This is the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code for the company for which the worker was working.

**L&I Claim Filed:** A worker's compensation claim has been filed with the Department of Labor and Industries.

**County:** The county in which the incident took place.

<u>L&I Region:</u> The L&I administrative region in the state where the incident took place (see <u>regional</u> map)

WISHA Jurisdiction: Does WISHA have jurisdiction over the incident?

WISHA Inspection: Did WISHA conduct an inspection?

**FACE Investigation:** Did FACE conduct an investigation?

Multiple Fatalities: More than one worker was killed in the incident.

### **Abbreviations:**

**L&I** - The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries

WISHA - Washington Industrial Safety and Health Administration

SHARP - Safety and Health Assessment and Research for Prevention

**FACE** - Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation Program

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